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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Total additional fee for this amendment						\$

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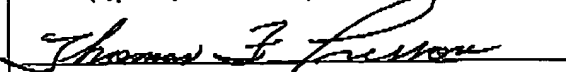
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
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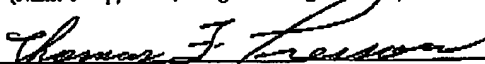
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 25, 2005 (April 24, 2005 being a Sunday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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